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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/993,067

Examiner: Motilewa A. Good-Johnson

Applicant: Kuo-Chen Lin et al.

ArtUnit: 2672

Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR DISPLAYING PRODUCTION  
DATA FOR IMPROVED  
MANUFACTURING DECISION  
MAKING

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 1, 2004, which has a statutory period for response due on September 1, 2004, the applicants request continued examination of the application under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30) Form accompanies this Amendment/Reply. Applicants respectfully request for reconsideration of the application based on the amendments and remarks provided.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.